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## JURORS FIND RUM RUNNING CREW GUILTY

**Captain Pamphlett of Peacawha and Men Convicted in Portland**

### SENTENCE IS DELAYED

**Court Grants Thirty Days in Which to File for Another Trial**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Captain Robert Pamphlett, Jacob Woffte and five members of the crew of the rum runner Peacawha and other defendants were found guilty of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law in a verdict returned in federal court late yesterday. The defendants were convicted on 11 conspiracy counts.

The court granted 30 days in which to prepare a motion for a new trial and delayed the passing of sentence until this motion is filed.

The Peacawha was captured by a coast guard cutter inside the 10-mile limit while it was saving the crew of a boat during a raging storm. The case attracted wide attention because of the bravery shown by Captain Pamphlett and his crew, who faced almost certain death to make the heroic rescue.

## ANNUAL TAX MONEY CAN BE PAID NOW

**Sheriff Jennings Ready to Receive First Installment, He Says**

Ashland taxpayers who want to pay the first installment of their 1926 taxes can do so now instead of waiting until March or April, declared Sheriff Ralph Jennings who was in the city last evening on official business. Sheriff Jennings has completed his tax rolls for this year and is now ready to receive the tax money.

As in former years a deputy tax collector will be stationed in Ashland during April in order to convenience taxpayers who do not wish to go to Medford. The first half of the annual taxes will be due on or before May 1, and the deputy collector will have an office in the city hall here up until the date of delinquency, said Sheriff Jennings.

## Drunken Driver Given Shackles in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Kansas City's police court has adopted a new method of dealing with drunken motorists. Burnes V. Moore, convicted of driving while drunk, was ordered placed in shackles and confined in the county jail for a period of 90 days. He also was fined \$100 for failing to render assistance after an accident.

## Klamath Dentist Near Death From Ten-Day Fasting

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 26—Fred Westerfelt, Klamath Falls dentist, was reported in a serious condition today, following a 10-day fast for the purpose of benefiting his health. Westerfelt collapsed at a meeting of the Kiwanis club yesterday noon just after he had made a short talk describing the effects of his fasting. Physicians today said he probably would be forced to undergo an operation.

## Woman Pays For Marriage License At Man's Request

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—It's still leap year in Linnton, according to John Easter, head of the marriage license department in the county clerk's office.

Easter tells the story of a man and former wife who appeared at the window yesterday for a license to re-wed. "This will cost you \$3," Easter remarked, after the customary information had been filed. The man calmly turned to the "woman in the case."

## MERIT BADGES WON BY ASHLAND SCOUTS

**Four Boys of Troop Two Pass Hard Tests and Receive Honors**

Ten merit badges were packed home last night by four scouts from Troop Two from the Boy Scout Court of Honor for this district which meets at Medford once each month. Wesley Hoxie passed for cycling and marksmanship; James Hartley for cycling and marksmanship; Lloyd High for signaling, firemanship and cycling; Marion Frost for cycling, firemanship and interpreting. In addition to the above merit badges, Harry Borah took first class and Clarence Woods the second class badges.

The cycling test which was taken by all four of the merit badge applicants from Ashland, involves a 50-mile bicycle ride in one day and also taking the bicycle to pieces and putting it together again under the eyes of an expert in that line. The signaling test requires speed and accuracy in both the Semaphors and Morse codes as well as the making of a buzzer, or a wireless outfit for the sending of Morse code. The interpreting test taken by Scout Frost is probably the first of its kind in the Crater Lake Council and is a practical application of the Spanish taken by him in High school.

## ASHLAND HIGH TO PLAY GRANTS PASS

**Local Squad Expects Easy Victory Tonight; Girls Also to Play**

Ashland high school's basketball squad will go to Grants Pass this afternoon where it will meet the Grants Pass team this evening. The local basketballers defeated Grants Pass handily here Monday evening and expect to repeat again this evening.

Grants Pass has a good passing team but it is woefully weak on basket shooting, but the Ashland quintet, if it is in good form will have no trouble in winning.

The girls' team also will go to Grants Pass and play the Grants Pass girls in a preliminary game. The Ashland girls won their game with Grants Pass here the first of the week.

## Workmen Injured In Oil Well Fire

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 26—Two workmen were seriously burned in a fire which started when an oil line gave way following the bringing in of a new well in the Long Beach oil fields. A long stream of fire swept down Pacific avenue, menacing a number of wells. The fire loss was estimated at \$125,000.

## AUTO DEALERS WILL PROTEST GASOLINE TAX

**Auto Caravan Due to Reach Here Sunday, According to Report**

### BURDEN HIGH ENOUGH

**Pierce Proposal to Make Tax Four Cents Will Be Contested**

A caravan of auto dealers who are staging a protest against the proposal to increase the tax burdens of automobile owners, will arrive in Ashland some time Sunday, according to information received here today by local dealers from Eugene.

Following the announcement this week in Salem by Governor Pierce that he will seek to increase the gasoline tax from three to four cents, the state association of automobile dealers evoked the caravan plan, and the long string of cars will leave Eugene Saturday afternoon headed for Southern Oregon.

According to reports received here, the caravan will seek the support of automobile owners generally in electing legislators who will agree to safeguard the interests of automobile owners and to prevent an increase in the gasoline tax.

It was indicated that the caravan would reach Ashland shortly after noon Sunday and would remain here for several hours. Following the trip into Southern Oregon, the caravan will invade Eastern Oregon.

## BALTIMORE BANDITS STAGE BOLD HOLDUP

**Trio Shoot Down Cashier and Policeman and Escape With \$16,000**

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Police today were still without clues as to the identity of the three bandits who staged the most daring holdup ever attempted in this city. The three men shot down an assistant cashier of the Maryland Daird company, and a policeman who was guarding him and then escaped with a satchel containing \$16,000 of company money.

## MAYOR RE-ARRANGES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**More Tables and Better Facilities Provided for Future Sessions**

A different and improved council chamber will greet city officials and Ashland residents Tuesday evening when the council holds its next session. Mayor Johnson this week has been supervising a complete rearrangement of the room in order to promote better efficiency and more expeditious handling of the city's business.

Three tables will take the place of the one table. At the center table the mayor will sit with Miss Gertrude Biede, city recorder. Three councilmen will sit at the table to the left and three other councilmen with reporters at the table to the right. The change will be greatly welcomed by all concerned.

## Durkin Indicted For Auto Thefts

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 26—It Martin Durkin, notorious mail handit and police killer, escapes the noose he will have plenty of trouble awaiting him. A Chicago grand jury yesterday indicted him on five separate charges of automobile thefts. All are alleged offenses against the federal government.

## HILT BUILDING GOLF COURSE LUMBER TOWN GETTING BUSY; CHALLENGES ASHLAND GOLFERS

Now comes Hilt to make his bid for fame.

The little lumber town just over the California line is starting work on a nine-hole golf course, which, when completed, will be complete to the last detail, according to word brought back to Ashland last night by Roy Parr, deputy state game warden.

The lumber company employes at Hilt are all enthused over the project and even now they are said to be framing a challenge to Ashland golfers, who are looking forward to the construction of the golf course on the highway a short distance south of the city.

## E. F. CARLETON TALKS TO ASHLAND KIWANIS CLUB AT WEEKLY LUNCH TODAY NOON

Guide the reading of your children in the home and you will have an influence in the building of their character which will be secondary only to the influence wrought by the mother, E. F. Carleton, of Eugene, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of schools, told the Kiwanians at their regular luncheon meeting today at the Lithia Springs hotel.

Mr. Carleton stated the great wave of crimes in the United States and the lack of respect for laws in many sources had created a cynicism which caused one of the greatest dangers to the boys.

## Body Is Shipped To Former Home

The body of C. H. Nickerson, Ashland carpenter, who died here this week, was shipped last night to his former home at Middlefield, Ohio, for burial. It was accompanied by his daughter who came here from Portland. Funeral services were held at the Dodge chapel prior to the departure.

## BOLTON FUNERAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

Funeral services for Thomas K. Bolton, prominent Ashland druggist who died yesterday, will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon from Stock's mortuary, with burial at Hargadins cemetery.

## Five Temporary Holes Ready At Med-O-Land Club

Members of Med-O-Land Golf and country club will get a little action next Sunday when five temporary holes will be ready for the players on the new course near Talent, according to announcement today by J. L. Ketch, manager of the club. Within another week two more temporary holes will be in readiness, he said.

## Pinehurst Opens New Post Office

The newly established post office of Pinehurst, Mrs. Lula DeCarlow, postmistress, opened for business today. The Ashland-Klamath Falls stage leaving the Ashland postoffice at 8:30 a. m., supplies the new office and will bring the mail in from Pinehurst daily at 4 p. m.

## BIG SAWMILL ON COOS BAY IS DESTROYED

**Fire Early This Morning Razes Plant of Stout Lumber Company**

### ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN

**Loss Placed at \$500,000—Safe-Blowers May Be Responsible**

NORTH BEND, Ore., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Fire early this morning destroyed the big sawmill of the Stout Lumber company here, with an estimated loss of \$500,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown but authorities think an attempt to blow open the safe in the Southern Pacific office, a short distance from the mill, may be linked with the disastrous blaze.

The fire throws 500 men out of employment and will likewise curtail logging operations of the company, said officials. Because of the lack of wind the fire was confined to one building, and not over 5,000 feet of lumber was destroyed. The blaze continued for several hours and could be seen for many miles.

## COOLIDGE SIGNS FEDERAL TAX LAW

**Measure Gets Executive Approval Today; Big Saving Effected**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—The \$387,811,000 federal tax reduction bill became a law today. It was signed at 10:22 this morning by President Coolidge, after having passed both branches of congress yesterday.

## ARMY CHAPLAIN TO FACE CIVIL CHARGE

**Will Be Tried For Mann Act Violation if Acquitted By Army**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Charges of violating the Mann white slave act will be filed against Chaplain Orville I. Clappitt, U. S. Army, if he is acquitted by the army court martial now in session here. This was the announcement today of department of justice officials. Chaplain Clappitt is on trial for the alleged betrayal of Lucille Swallow, Kansas girl.

## Mrs. Skeen Will Be Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bina Josephine Skeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keeton, who died in Klamath Falls yesterday, will be held from Stock's Undertaking Parlor Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

## LUMBER RATES ARE HELD UNREASONABLE

**Interstate Commerce Commission Orders New Schedule Today**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—The interstate commerce commission ruled today that the present rates on lumber and related commodities from Oregon, Washington and California are unreasonable and prejudicial, and ordered the railroads serving that territory to prescribe new rates which must be effective before May 17.

## Chicago Police Look For Crook In Big Robbery

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Chicago police today were continuing their search for Otto David, who is suspected of the robbery here Tuesday of Moody Tabernacle, at which time \$7,670 in cash and bonds were taken by four masked bandits who bound the watchman.

David went to the pastor some weeks ago and said he had been a crook all his life and wanted to reform. He has confessed two murders and numerous other crimes. Believing him, the pastor gave him a job as janitor. But David failed to show up for work after the robbery and has been missing ever since.

## SOUTHERN OREGON BAR ASSOCIATION TO HAVE BANQUET

**Ashland Attorneys Will Attend Function at Medford Tomorrow**

All the members of the bar of Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties will meet at a banquet to be held at the Hotel Medford, in Medford, Saturday evening at 6:30 p. m.

William M. Briggs, chairman of the program committee, announces that it is to be a banner meeting, as Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride, and Associate Justice John L. Rand, of the Supreme Court of Oregon are to deliver addresses. A. E. Reames, prominent attorney of Medford, is to read a paper on "The proper method of making a record for appeal."

Inasmuch as the speakers obtained are among the foremost jurists of the west every member of the bar of the counties mentioned will be present. Those who will attend from Ashland are Nellie Dickey, W. J. Moore, L. A. Roberts, E. D. Briggs and William M. Briggs.

## SEATTLE MAN HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

**Love Triangle Ends With Cafe Owner Killing Wife's Alleged Lover**

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—A charge of first degree murder was filed here today against Frank J. Farley, cafe owner, who admitted killing Edwin J. Manus earlier this week as the result of a love triangle in which Farley's wife is alleged to have figured.

Farley told police he followed his wife to a hotel and found Manus in the room when the door was opened. He immediately shot and killed Manus. Farley indicated he would plead the unwritten law.

## Portland Actor Robbed Of Cash

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Jack McCarthy of Portland, an actor playing in a musical show here, was held up here today by two men and robbed of \$400 in cash and jewelry. McCarthy was on his way to his hotel from a restaurant party when he was robbed.

## VETERAN TELEGRAPHER BUZZARDS BAY, MASS., FEB. 26

(U.P.)—Sixty-six years a telegrapher, and still at the key, is the record of Elisha Ryder, operator at Buzzards Bay station, who will celebrate his 77th birthday next month. Ryder learned telegraphy at the age of 11, and he's been at it ever since. He considers 150 messages a small day's work.

## CREDITORS OF A. W. WHITLEY MAKE INQUIRY

**Local Customers Seeking Whereabouts of Missing Piano Man**

### RECORD DECLARED BAD

**Watchmaker Leaves City For Parts Unknown; Police Active**

Police today began receiving inquiries concerning the whereabouts of A. W. Whitley, watchmaker and erstwhile manager of the Whitley piano house. Whitley left the city two nights ago and has not since been seen, although he is reported to have told some of his creditors that he would return within a few weeks.

That the piano house has been in financial difficulties for the past two weeks was known to the police by reason of Whitley's efforts to bring about the arrest of his son-in-law in an argument over the company's business affairs.

Family Argument The police, however, refused to interfere with what appeared to be a family argument, and District Attorney Chaney likewise declined to take action after Whitley had lodged complaint with him.

According to reports received from the police at Sedro Woolly, Wash., Whitley left there suddenly about two years ago, leaving his wife and family in a destitute condition. His wife later procured a divorce. Police here say an investigation has disclosed Whitley's business dealings to have been unscrupulous in several other towns where he located prior to coming to Ashland less than a year ago.

Police were informed that several watches left with Whitley to be repaired by local customers have not been returned to the owners, but none of the owners thus far has lodged any formal complaint with the authorities.

## NEW CHARGE FILED AGAINST FINANCIER

**Charles Ponzi Sought on Federal Warrant Charging Mail Fraud**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Charles Ponzi, erstwhile financial wizard, is in for more grief, it was revealed here last night when federal postal inspectors procured a warrant for his arrest charging him with using the mails to defraud in connection with his land selling operations in Florida. He is now at Liberty under bonds on state charges growing out of his operations in Florida.

## California And Oregon To Meet In Hard Series

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—The basketball teams of the University of Oregon and University of California are all primed for their two-game series which starts tonight at the Oakland auditorium for the Pacific coast conference championship. Oregon has a patched lineup due to the illness of Al Westergren, while California presents a solid front. Interest here is at a high pitch.

## Legion Dance To Be Held Tonight

Members of the American Legion are expecting a big crowd of pleasure-seekers at their dance this evening at the Ashland armory. Music will be furnished by Loveland's Organ.